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Office Action Summary

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because reference numbers 112, 24, 40 and 42 are not shown in figure 5 as stated in the specification. A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: On page 4, paragraph 2, line 2, the leg notches are stated as being reference number 36. However, in figure 2 they appear to be 26. On page 5, third paragraph, line 1 refers to figures 1-4. However, it appears that there are figures 4a-4c. On page 5, fourth paragraph is unclear in that figure 1 does not include the reference numbers 40,42,62,64,88 and 92 as discussed. On page 5, last paragraph it appears that the auxiliary fastener 100 includes a third hook and smooth surface, 102 and 104 since it already had first and second hook and smooth surfaces 88, 90, 92 and 94.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-3 are objected to because of the following informalities: in claim 2 after "infant" insert - -garment - - . In claims 1-3 it is not clear as to whether a garment with "attached" fasteners is being claimed or a garment in combination with an "attachable" fastener is being claimed.. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

In regard to claims 1-3, the specification on page 2, item (C) describes that the "front loop fastener strip" is "carried" by "the outer upper edge". However, it is not clear as to what the term "carried by" encompasses. On page 4, paragraph 1, line 6, it states that "left and right loop fasteners 40 are carried on" and in line 7, "fastener strip 60 is carried on". Then in paragraph 3, line 1 it states that left and right fasteners 40,42 "are attached". On page 6, paragraph 1 it states "left and right outside rear fastening patches 110 and 112 are carried by the outside surface". It is not clear as to what the term "carried on" encompasses. Are the components just placed on these surfaces without a "connection" such as being seen or adhesively attached? Are the components attached to the surfaces at all? The term "carried on" does not provide for attachment. No new matter can be added to the specification.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1-3 are indefinite in that it is not clear as to how the left and right loop fasteners are attached to the upper left and right corners of the inside surface since the specification only states that they are "carried on" as discussed above. However, the claims, as best understood, have been examined on their merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kato (US 5, 926,926).

Kato discloses an infant garment, diaper (2), a body made of sheet material (4,6,8), with front (10) and rear (18) sections, left and right loop fasteners (40) attached to upper left and right corners of an inside surface adjacent to an upper rear edge of a back portion (as seen in figures 1 and 3) as broadly claimed. Further, Kato discloses a front loop fastener strip (12) carried by an outer surface adjacent to an upper edge of a front portion of the body made of sheet material and left and right fastener extensions(16-16a.16b)connecting left and right ends of the front loop fastener strip to

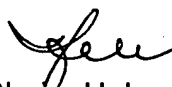
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the left and right loop fasteners respectively as broadly claimed. (See Kato, figures 1 and 3; col. 3, line 59 – col. 4, line 32).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gloria Hale whose telephone number is 703-308-1282. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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